Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 10-23 with the following amended paragraph:

"a camera 20 feeding an image processing unit 24~~16~~ that, when enabled, is operative to analyse the image provided by the camera to detect any human face in the image and determine whether the face image is a full frontal image indicating that the user is looking towards the camera and thus towards the device C. The visibility of both eyes can be used to determine whether the face image is a frontal one. A general face detector is described in reference [1] (see end of the present description). More refined systems that can be used to determine whether an individual is looking at the device concerned by means of gaze recognition are described in references [2] to [4]. It may also be useful to seek to recognize the face viewed in order to be able to implement identity-based access control to the devices 14. Numerous face identification and recognition research systems exist such the MIT face recognition system developed by the Vision and modeling group of the MIT Media Lab; further examples of existing systems which are able to identify a face from an image are given in references [5] to [14]. "

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 3-6 with the following amended paragraph:

"an activation control block 25~~18~~ controlling activation of the speech recognition unit 23 in dependence on the output of the image processing unit 24; in particular, when the image processing unit indicates that the user is looking at the device, the block 18 enables the speech recognition unit."